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LESSON IS LEARNED.

From every part of the Islands comes the same story of Republican activity. From the extreme south of the island of Hawaii to the extreme north of Kauai there is the same tale. The Republican primaries all show good work and satisfactory work. The Republican party has gained in strength and Wilcoxism has correspondingly lost strength. We may justly say that under our political conditions today there is an awakening all along the line. This is not only true among the people whose business interests are affected directly by the political unrest of the Territory, but it is true of the mass of voters and largely among the Hawaiian voters.

Two years has taught its lesson. The foolishness of the last Legislature is now thoroughly realized. The race prejudice and the class prejudice which were harped upon during the last election and which were carried into the Legislative halls are things which do not reverberate as strongly as they did at that time. The strings are much worn and are very slack. It is now evident that elections mean business, and that legislation for revenge is very poor legislation indeed. As a point of fact, a man, or a set of men who go into politics to "get even," usually fail and deservedly so. The Legislature is not the place in which to air private grievances, nor is it an arena for vengeance. It is a place where the advancement of the country is to be planned for, and its dignity preserved. A Legislature of even so small a Territory as this can be a model and a credit.

So with the experience of two years it is evident to most voters that foolishness must be laid aside, and that we must settle down to business. In the teaching of the lesson the hard times have had a good deal to do. It has been understood by the laborer that prosperity for capital means prosperity for him. He understands through the hard lesson of experience that lack of prosperity means lack of work, even though his labor may be skilled. There are not so many men carried upon the rolls of say the Iron Works, for the sake of an example. Why is this? Because there is not so much business to do, and orders are slack. What makes them slack? Lack of prosperity. Any man can reason this out for himself, and he reasons it out the quicker when he finds at the end of the month that his time card does not call for as much money as it used to do.

When we had the heavy blow struck at our prosperity, through foolish and insane legislation, we were in a peculiar position. We were facing a depression in our staple, but there was a strong belief in our island investment, and in spite of the gloomy prospect, there were capitalists who were ready and willing to help us tide over our commercial and agricultural difficulties, but the moment the Legislature showed its hand, that moment capital shrunk within its shell, and we suffered a setback, which it will take years of care to recover from.

It seems almost trite to repeat these arguments. Still they are those upon which we must base the reasons for the interest taken in the Republican party throughout the group, and they account for the present attitude of the voter. The hopes of the voter lie in the Republican party. He sees that the Republican is the dominant party on the mainland. He has learned facts and facts go a great deal further than windy rhetoric, even if it does come from the lips of a spicer like Wilcox or from some of his wordy lieutenants.

And as to Wilcox's chances. How do they look? It is a question that has been often asked and will be so again. The Star has had an opportunity of asking several people from the outer districts of the island, and one and all seem satisfied that though he may continue to have strength, it is very much sapped. This does not mean by any means that there will be a walk-over, but it does mean that there is a great chance of beating him. As has been often pointed out in these columns Wilcox's plurality was by no means so large. It was 227 votes over Parker, the Republican candidate.

Of Wilcox's total vote it is quite fair to say that natural causes have considerably depleted it. There have been many deaths in the ranks, and while these under different circumstances would have been replaced by the natural advancement of the younger generation to their political duties, this is not the case with the Wilcox party. He has lost far more than he has gained. The younger men do not believe in Wilcox, they thoroughly realize that he has made a mess of the delegation in Washington, and that he has done nothing for the Territory. They want something done for the Territory, and they will vote for such a man. It is for the Republican party to choose such a nominee for Delegate as will carry this element with a boom.

If the Wilcox party has lost strength, the Republican party has gained strength. Not only can it look for recruits among the Wilcox party itself, but it has an added strength in those voters who have been naturalized since election. Many American citizens

have been made by the courts and these are going to vote the Republican and not the Wilcox ticket. With a little figuring the mathematical certainty of this could be proved. Wilcoxism is by no means dead, and it will give us a lively fight, but the show is upon the Republican side. Of course a fight is never won till it is over, but there is the best of prospects for the Republicans, and if they work honestly and hard they will win a glorious victory, and set the country once more floating upon the tide of prosperity.

THE GYPSIES.

The fortune-telling Gypsy has come among us. She is hardly as picturesque as the Gypsy of England or Scotland, the true Romany described by Scott in Guy Mannering, typified by the immortal Meg Merrilies in which character Charlotte Cushman used to thrill the audiences of an earlier generation. She will still tell the fortune of the gaping yokel, or the half-timid, hysterical girl, if she can find yokel or girl. If she can't, she will easily find fools enough, half believing, half skeptical, who will cross her palm with silver, will listen to her jargon, and will read into her gibberish, things which she never said, but which will be translated into signs and portents and fulfillments.

Human nature is prone to folly, and the knavish side of humanity finds it an easy prey, whether educated or uneducated. It takes years to eradicate superstition. In fact superstition remains firmly imbedded, ready to blaze forth in spite of all the education and all the experience the highest and most civilized races have had.

We have our signs of "luck," practically our lucky days, our "dies fasti et nefasti" as much as the old Roman had. We have our little superstitions about the moon, which have descended to us from the days of Baal and of Ashtaroth. Some of us don't like to spill the salt. Some of us repeat "lucky at cards, unlucky in love," and Charles Dana Gibson gave us an illustration of the superstition in an illustration in "Life" the other day. We educate ourselves and eliminate all superstition and all creeds from our minds, and forthwith proceed to gaze with open-mouthed wonder upon Blavatsky's cracked tea-cups, and broken China which came hurtling through the air from the upper fastnesses of the Himalayas where Mahatmas and their Chelas dwell in endless contemplation of the unknowable, the un-understandable and the unfathomable.

Others of us have stripped the cloak of superstition from us and forthwith proceed to believe that the Davonport brothers were helped by spirits to play guitars and accordions when their hands were tied, that Mr. Home floated from one window of a five-story house to another. Levitation this used to be called, and rank humbug it was dubbed by gross and materialistic minds. The whole farrago of spiritualism has taken the place of superstition and no one would dare to say that a spiritualist was superstitious or a theosophist no better than a self-deceived Gypsy, nor that under the crust and veneer of all of us their lurks not the primeval dread of the unknown which seeks alleviation in various ways, and which forms the basis of religious belief as is argued by Buckle and Lecky and thousands of others. If you can scratch the Russian and find the Tartar, as Talleyrand or some one else said, you can certainly scratch the cultivated mind and find primeval superstition, the offspring of fear and hope. Why should you not do so? It does not take a long war to show that the gentlest and most loving of human beings can develop the primeval beast, with all his or its unpleasant characteristics.

But we have been drifting away from our Gypsies. In spite of the fact that they don't camp out and steal chickens and game, they will reap a neat little harvest from our superstitious community, unless the High Sheriff and the police department get after them, which they are likely to do. Legally the gypsy will be condemned, inwardly the gypsy will be believed in. We are really a set of humbugs, and are fit subjects for satire, as we have been from the time of Aristophanes to now.

A will which is contested forty years after it was probated is certainly a curiosity in legal annals, and shows the glorious uncertainty of the law, and of the holding of property. After all the best way of dealing with property is to spend what one can during one's life time, and when the end is near to give away the balance. It will never be disposed of after one's death as one would wish.

It is a wise move to send provisions by steamer to Laysan Island. In the office of last century we had a guano island horror. Something went wrong about the supply boat, and the inhabitants of the island were starved to death. If memory serves there were but two survivors, one of which was Julius Richardson, brother of the late Charles Richardson of Hilo. Mr. Richardson never recovered from his terrible experience, and from a robust man was so reduced that those who knew him before he went to the island and after he returned could hardly recognize him. It was a gruesome chapter in Hawaiian history. But then the Guano Islands of the Pacific could supply many a gruesome story, and many an incident calculated to make one's flesh creep. Murder and madness have played a terrible part in some of the tales.

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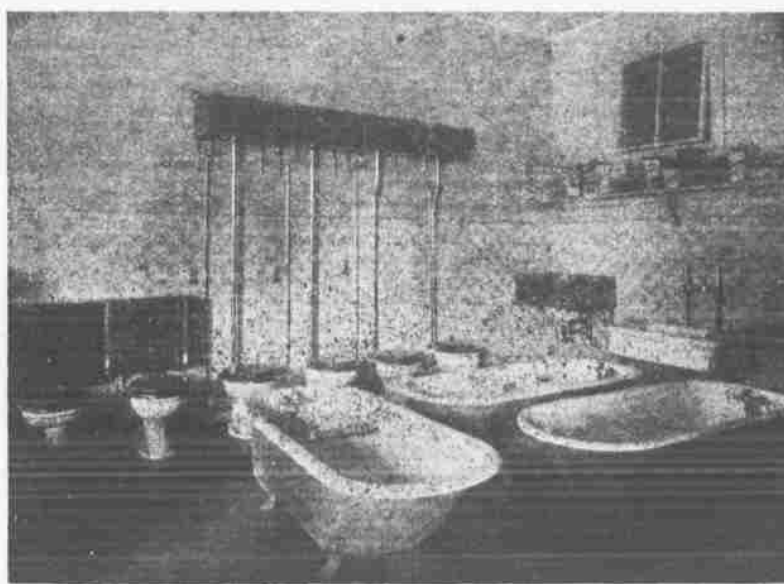
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